



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
Headquarters, 31st Engineer Battalion (OSUT)
1st Engineer Brigade, U.S. Army Engineer School
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473-6300



July 14, 2009

Office of the Battalion Commander

Dear Parent:

I am writing to inform you that your Soldier has been assigned to the 31st Engineer Battalion at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for approximately 14 weeks of initial entry training. During this assignment he/she will undergo "One Station Unit Training" (OSUT), designed to develop initial entry Soldiers with nine weeks of basic training followed by five weeks of advanced individual training. Upon successful completion of all training and graduation requirements, Soldiers will graduate as a fully-qualified Engineer Soldiers.

Soldiers here undergo a comprehensive program of instruction designed to train them both physically and mentally. They become proficient in many combat-oriented tasks, and they learn to live the Army Values: Leadership, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. The training here is quite challenging for our new Soldiers, many of whom are away from home for the first time. However, our Noncommissioned Officers are among the finest in the Army and have been specially selected and rigorously trained to serve as Drill Sergeants. Our Drill Sergeants take pride in developing the young men and women entrusted to us, for most will return to the operational Army after their 2-3 year tour here and will see many of these Soldiers again. We are confident that our initial entry training program works, and we will continue to ensure your Soldier is trained to the highest of standards.

Our primary focus is training; therefore we discourage visits during the training cycle as they are distractions to the Soldiers. However, I do encourage you to write to your Soldier as often as you like. Your letters of encouragement can provide additional motivation and inspiration during the tougher days of training. I also cordially invite you to attend the graduation events at the end of the cycle. Your Soldier's Company Commander will send you a separate letter containing the time and location for each event.

Welcome to the Battalion Family. Thank you for supporting your Soldier and your Nation.

Sincerely,

Leonard B. Scott IV
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Commanding